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## Top Skills

Legal Research

Legal Writing

Written Discovery

## Certifications

Judicial Panel on Multidistrict  
Litigation

U.S. District Court, Middle District of  
Florida

New York Bar

U.S. District Court, Southern District  
of Florida

The Florida Bar

## Honors-Awards

White Collar Crime - Top Grade

Transnational Litigation - Top Grade

## Publications

Ease the Tone: Legal Ethics  
and Professionalism in the Post-  
Pandemic World

Parallel Proceedings Invite Unfair  
Settlement Agreements

# Cody Frank

Trial & Appellate Lawyer

Fort Lauderdale, Florida, United States

## Summary

Cody is a versatile trial and appellate litigator handling complex, high stakes lawsuits in federal and state courts. Individuals, companies, and organizations retain his services to solve their most demanding legal issues.

He has represented all types of cases—big and small, civil and criminal—from inception to resolution whether that be a jury verdict or an appellate decision. He has handled a federal products liability class action before the Judicial Panel on Multidistrict Litigation. He also has worked on an intellectual property dispute before the United States Supreme Court.

His true passion is appeals. He loves critical thinking and writing with the objective of persuading a panel of judges to rule in his client's favor. He constantly challenges himself to analyze and think through scenarios from all angles—not just which solutions or law might be relevant, but what happens after they're applied.

Cody is a relentless worker, a good team leader and teammate, and a believer in personal integrity and respect for others.

When he is not in the courtroom or learning ways to progress the rule of law, he is spending time with his wife, two children, and English bulldog.

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## Experience

Brown Sims, P.C.

Trial & Appellate Litigator

June 2019 - Present (4 years 1 month)

Miami/Fort Lauderdale Area

Frank Law Firm, P.A.

Founder and Managing Attorney  
February 2019 - June 2019 (5 months)  
Miami/Fort Lauderdale Area

Boldt Law Firm, P.A.  
Appellate Attorney  
April 2017 - January 2019 (1 year 10 months)  
Miami/Fort Lauderdale Area

Junior Associate for civil appellate practice and trial support boutique firm specializing in medical malpractice and general negligence. Helped utilize and employ the Reptilian Theory Strategy in focus groups and jury trials.

- Assisted in all aspects of appellate practice, including preparing lead attorney for oral arguments, attending oral arguments, reviewing record on appeal, issue spotting, and researching, drafting and editing legal analysis in briefs.
- Prepared over 15 appellate briefs and motions filed with the Florida Supreme Court and Florida District Courts of Appeal; and assisted in the researching and drafting of a Petition for Writ of Certiorari filed with the U.S. Supreme Court.
- Prepared numerous complaints for complex actions; engaged in motion practice before circuit and county courts; and prepared numerous motions filed with the U.S. District Court, Southern District of Florida and U.S. Bankruptcy Court, Middle District of Florida.
- Attended four jury trials to provide support to trial attorneys on legal issues and potential appealable issues.
- Reviewed insurance policies, corporate 10-k filings and documents to ascertain potential defendants, viable causes of action and extent of liability exposure.

Gonzalez & Goetz, LLC  
Litigation Associate  
November 2016 - April 2017 (6 months)  
Boca Raton, Florida

Litigation Associate for Social Security boutique law firm. Managed active caseload, which included over 100 Social Security hearings.

- Advised and represented over 100 claimants in a variety of social security disability law matters.
- Awarded over \$500,000 in disability benefits for clients.
- Appeared in U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Florida to argue Motion for Summary Judgment, specifically on the issue of retroactive application of newly promulgated Social Security Ruling 16-3p. Resulting from this retroactive argument, on October 25, 2017, the Administration clarified the application of SSR 16-3p.
- Performed all phases of discovery and hearing preparation for social security disability claims.

#### Wites Law Firm

Law Clerk / Legal Book Editor

June 2016 - October 2016 (5 months)

Law Clerk / Legal Book Editor for litigation guides authored by preeminent PI litigator Marc A. Wites. Worked in office three days per week while preparing for the July 2016 New York Bar, then full-time post-examination.

- Drafted formal demand letters and reviewed and indexed roughly three thousand e-discovered documents for a broker misconduct claim being arbitrated by the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority (FINRA).
- Researched recent state and federal cases to update the more than 100 causes of action provided for in Florida Causes of Action, The Florida Litigation Guide, and The New York Litigation Guide.

#### Boca Ridge Glen Homeowners' Association, Inc.

Licensed Community Association Manager

June 2015 - October 2016 (1 year 5 months)

Boca Raton, FL

Licensed Community Association Manager for gated community of 87 townhomes, with gardens, pool, and tennis courts in the heart of West Boca Raton. (Direct part-time hire through family-owned property management company, "Outside Unlimited.")

- Served as HOA board adviser at monthly board meetings and special meetings. Collected assessments and fees, and prepared monthly financial

reporting. Resolved violations of HOA rules and tenant complaints, performed background checks on prospective tenants.

- Assisted in designing informal RFPs for construction, renovations, and maintenance of premises. Helped review bids and select contractors, as well as prepare construction loan application.
- Partner with outside counsel on collection actions and placement of liens.

### Eleventh Judicial Circuit of Florida

Judicial Extern / Law Clerk / Judicial Assistant

January 2015 - October 2016 (1 year 10 months)

Miami, Florida

Judicial Assistant (temporary) for the Hon. John W. Thornton, Jr., Complex Business Litigation Division. Worked in chambers full-time while permanent assistant took a five-week medical leave.

- Reviewed and advised counsel and pro se litigants of the CBL Division's intricate rules and procedures, as well as the Judge's preference for filing written correspondence and conducting motion practice.
- Prepared and maintained the Judge's court and professional calendar; scheduled motions, hearings, conferences, and trials. Reviewed and prepared correspondence, memoranda, orders, reports, e-mails, and other documents observing strict confidentiality.

Judicial Extern / Law Clerk for the Hon. Jose M. Rodriguez and, simultaneously, for the Hon. John W. Thornton, Jr., Complex Business Litigation Division. Worked in court and chambers three days per week during final 3L semester, then full-time post-graduation.

- Attended and provided in-court assistance during hearings, oral argument, jury trials, and other proceedings. Discussed with judges courtroom etiquette, crafting effective written and oral argument, and individual judges' preferences.
- Researched legal issues to assist in rulings on dispositive and discovery motions, as well as on issues related to class actions, state counterparts of federal laws like Computer Fraud and Abuse Act (CFAA) and Stored

Communications Act (SCA), deceptive and unfair trade practices, defamation, employment law, trade secrets, unfair competition, and usurious transactions.

(Employment dates January 2015 to October 2015, May 2016 to October 2016)

Santucci Priore P.L.

Legal Assistant

June 2010 - May 2012 (2 years)

Fort Lauderdale, FL

Legal Assistant, during college and gap year between college and law school, for intellectual property boutique law firm founded by IP litigator who helped win record setting \$240 million verdict in All Pro Sports Camps, Inc. v. Walt Disney Company, 727 So. 2d 363 (Fla. 5th DCA 1999).

- Supported high profile IP litigation, including the dispute and confidential settlement among members of Bob Marley's family, as well as the settlement of a decades-long dispute between Ultra Music Festival (a controversial annual outdoor electronic music festival with international spin-offs across the globe) and Ultra Records (an award-winning electronic music label with dozens of prominent genre artists).
- Assisted on copyright, trademark, and patent disputes. Helped research, draft, and file discovery motions. Prepared witness kits and issue binders for depositions and interviews. Organized and maintained war room, including production of more than 30,000 documents. Handled logistics for depositions and meetings.

(Employment dates June 2010 to August 2010, May 2011 to May 2012)

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## Education

St. Thomas University School of Law

Doctor of Law (J.D.), Law · (2015)

Florida State University

Bachelor of Science (B.S.), Major in Political Science with minor in Economics. · (2011)

Saint Andrew's School

· (August 2005 - May 2007)

The John Carroll School

· (August 2003 - May 2005)

# Cody L. Frank

*Associate, Miami*



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## Areas Of Practice

- Admiralty and Maritime Law
- Anti-Money Laundering (AML)
- Appellate Practice
- Arbitration and Mediation
- Class Actions
- Commercial Litigation and Disputes
- Consumer Law and Products Liability
- Securities and Transactional Litigation
- Unfair and Deceptive Trade Practices

Cody Frank is a versatile trial and appellate litigator handling complex, high-stakes lawsuits in federal and state courts throughout the United States. Mr. Frank focuses his practice primarily on state and federal appeals and provides support to trial counsel on dispositive or significant motions. He has substantial experience representing and counseling corporations and individuals across a diverse range of industries on domestic and international matters involving admiralty,

insurance coverage, indemnity and defense, breach of contract, trade secret misappropriation, fraud and deceptive allegations, and catastrophic negligence. His efforts regularly result in early dismissals of claims.

Mr. Frank has represented all types of cases—big and small, civil and criminal—from inception to resolution, whether through mediation, arbitration, pre-trial dispositive ruling, a jury verdict, or an appellate decision. He also handled a federal consumer products liability class action before the United States Judicial Panel on Multidistrict Litigation and worked on an intellectual property dispute before the United States Supreme Court. Mr. Frank is a relentless advocate for his clients, leveraging discovery and other investigative tools to achieve their strategic and business objectives.

Mr. Frank also has a robust pro bono practice, assisting in representing abused, neglected, and abandoned children in appeals brought in Florida's District Courts of Appeal. Each year he strives to devote 100+ hours to the Florida Statewide Guardian ad Litem Office in protecting the rights and interests of the most vulnerable population, children.

Mr. Frank is a Florida State University graduate and earned his law degree from St. Thomas University School of Law, graduating on the Dean's List and with other accolades. He is a member of the Florida and New York bars. He is admitted to practice in the federal courts of Florida, the United States Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit, and the United States Judicial Panel on Multidistrict Litigation.

## Education

St. Thomas University School of Law, J.D.

- Dean's List
- Phi Delta Phi honorary society, Member
- Book Award for the highest possible grade in White Collar Crime (taught by Third District Court of Appeal Judge David L. Levy) and Transnational Litigation
- Pro Bono Commendation Award
- Research Assistant, Professor Patricia W. Moore, Congressional Hearing on The State of Class Actions Ten Years After the Class Action Fairness Act ("CAFA")
- St. Thomas Journal of Complex Litigation, Editor & Contributing Author
- Journal of Student Research, Co-Founder & Editor
- Pepperdine University School of Law, Certificate in Dispute Resolution
- Harvard Law School, Certificate in Negotiation
- Florida State University, B.S.

## Bar Admissions

- All Florida Courts
- All New York Courts
- United States District Court, Northern District of Florida
- United States District Court, Middle District of Florida
- United States District Court, Southern District of Florida
- United States Court of Appeals, Eleventh Circuit
- United States Judicial Panel on Multidistrict Litigation



## Honors & Distinctions

- Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch in America™, Personal Injury Litigation – Defendants, 2023
- Florida Guardian ad Litem's Pro Bono Service Award, 2022
- Florida Bar Appellate Practice Section's Best Interests Defender Award, 2021
- Florida Bar Appellate Practice Section's Pro Bono Service Award, 2020

## Memberships & Associations

- Appellate Practice Section of The Florida Bar, Member
- Trial Lawyers Section of The Florida Bar, Member
- Admiralty Law Committee of The Florida Bar, Member
- Lee County Bar Association, Member



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